Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Myrtle Lilly (Erickson) Hilmoe was born on March 11, 1915, at Rutland, North Dakota, to Emmanuel and Annie (Nickolauson) Erickson, one of seven children; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Myrtle married Orwald Hilmoe on April 13, 1935, and celebrated nearly 60 years of marriage, and to this union five sons were born: Richard, Elden, Clayton, Robert Douglas and Merlyn, and they in turn presented them with 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Orwald and Myrtle farmed in Hughes County, moved to Dell Rapids, Rapid City, Denver, Colorado, Torrington, Wyoming, and returned to Pierre in 1963. Myrtle moved to Dell Rapids in January 2004; and,

Whereas, Myrtle resides in Dell Rapids, South Dakota, and will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 11, 2005, as

MYRTLE HILMOE DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and her relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Third Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State